



# *2011-2012 Annual Report*

## *Youth Matter in Colonial Heights*

# *OFFICE ON YOUTH & HUMAN SERVICES*

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***Office on Youth & Human Services***

August 1, 2012

Honorable C. Scott Davis  
Honorable Members of City Council  
City of Colonial Heights  
P O Box 3401  
Colonial Heights VA 23834

Dear Mayor Davis & Members of Council:

The 2011-12 Annual Report for the Office on Youth & Human Services shows the office is working to make a difference in the lives of our youth and families. It is with pride that I present this year's report to members of City Council.

The Office on Youth, Youth Services Commission, and the Youth Advisory Council are grateful for your continued support of our programming. "Youth Matter in Colonial Heights" and that is evident through your support and advocacy for youth in our community.

Sincerely,

*Rennie Glazer*

Youth Services Commission Chair

# OFFICE ON YOUTH

## STAFF

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MSW, LCSW  
Director

**Tricia Quenan**  
Youth Specialist

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Youth Specialist

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Coordinator

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Administrative Assistant



## Mission Statement

The Office on Youth and Human Services serves the citizens of Colonial Heights by working to develop and improve community assets which assist families in raising healthy children.

To accomplish this, the Office on Youth and Human Services partners with, collaborates with, and supports the work of various groups and organizations in the City.

## Collaborative Partnerships

The Office on Youth serves as a collaborative partner with other organizations to meet youth and family needs. In this role, the Office on Youth is active in local and regional efforts.

- ⇒ Comprehensive Services Act Program (FAPT & CPMT)
- ⇒ Colonial Heights Public Schools
- ⇒ Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
- ⇒ Adult & Juvenile Drug Court
- ⇒ Community Criminal Justice Board
- ⇒ Department of Conservation & Recreation
- ⇒ Twelfth District Court Service Unit
- ⇒ Families First Program
- ⇒ Juvenile & Domestic Violence Task Force
- ⇒ Partnership for Youth
- ⇒ S.A.F.E. - Substance Abuse Free Environment
- ⇒ Community Coalitions of Virginia
- ⇒ Positive Parenting Coalition
- ⇒ Regional Drug Free Alliance
- ⇒ Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act
- ⇒ Interagency Prevention Team
- ⇒ Colonial Heights CADRE Coalition
- ⇒ Infant Mortality Community Action Team
- ⇒ CAAN-DUU Coalition



**Helping change  
our world,  
one step  
at a time!**

## Youth Services Commission

Rennie Glazer - Chair

Doug Harris - Vice Chair

Dr. Kimberly Ball - Secretary

David Whiting

Craig Skalak

Stephen Ball

Lt. Dann Ferguson

Margie Strum

Sandra Coleman - School Board

Diane Yates - City Council

Kari Christopher - Youth Rep.

Anna-Claire Bousquet - Youth Rep.

Nicholis Ball - YAC President

## Youth Advisory Council

Nicholis Ball - President

Alexandra Rivero - 1st VP

Kaitlyn Underwood - 2nd VP

Nojan Sheybani - Secretary

Makenzie Ball - Historian

Chris Bartlett

Anna-Claire Bousquet

Sallie Chambers

Kari Christopher

Sally Chen

Lisa Chung

Savannah Couch

Jacob Ezell

Katie Finch

Linwood Fraher

Angelique Gingerich

Alexandra H'sain

Bobby Jackson

Braden Johnson

Alex Jolly

Emily Jolly

Christian Kochuba

Brian Madl

Jacob Murdock

Noah Murdock

Asal Najmi

Angelica Primmer

Bailey Rivero

Natasha Sheybani

Stephen Zaruba

Andrea Zhou

Advisor - Abby Lynch

YSC Rep - Stephen Ball

YSC Rep - Rennie Glazer

## Summary of Services

### Information & Referral

The Office on Youth & Human Services provides information on a variety of youth related issues and services. Resource information is available in our Resource Directory on the City's web page.

### Planning & Program Development

The Office on Youth & Human Services works with different community organizations, groups, and agencies to develop needed resources and services for youth and families in Colonial Heights.

### Public Information

The staff of the Office on Youth are available to speak to community groups and civic organizations on a variety of educational topics related to youth and family functioning.



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR ...

### Youth Advisory Council

- ⇒ Hosted the Youth Forum with Travis Ridley as guest speaker. Discussions included: *Getting Ready for College*, *Save the Drama for Your Llama*, *Stress Relief and Time Management*, and *Diversity: What It Means to Be Different*
- ⇒ Fed Tri-Cities Work Camp crew
- ⇒ Awarded two "Coleman Voice of Youth" scholarships to graduating seniors
- ⇒ Provided "Christmas Mother" gifts and food to a family and an elderly person
- ⇒ Supported pediatric cancer research with a virtual and physical Lemon-Aid Stand
- ⇒ "Volunteered to Cheer" for Special Olympics Area and State Games
- ⇒ Participated in City-Wide Clean-Up and Adopt-a-Street Program
- ⇒ Made no-sew fleece blankets for the CARES Shelter
- ⇒ Volunteered for Back-to-School Festival
- ⇒ Partnered with CHHS band members to provide Christmas Carols for Dunlop House residents
- ⇒ Sent Valentine and Christmas Cards to veterans at McGuire Hospital
- ⇒ Wished "Happy Graduation" to seven seniors
- ⇒ Hosted Open House to celebrate 30 years of Youth Advisory Council

**Leadership**

**Volunteerism**

**Activities**

**Education**

**Community Outreach**

## Youth Services Commission

- ⇒ Supported and assisted Youth Advisory Council with Youth Forum
- ⇒ Supported activities at Pete's Place (Teen Center)
- ⇒ Advocated for youth and families in Colonial Heights

## Juvenile & Domestic Violence Task Force

- ⇒ Supported Regional Domestic Violence Task Force Press Conference
- ⇒ Attended Dinwiddie Task Force Kick Off Breakfast
- ⇒ Distributed information at Celebrate Safe Communities Night in October
- ⇒ Planted 300 pinwheels at the public library, health department and three elementary schools to celebrate children in April during Child Abuse Prevention Month with help from task force members, YAC members, Brownie Troop members, and local woman's club members
- ⇒ Provided information at the public library for domestic violence awareness and prevention month, and child abuse prevention month

## Youth Advisory Council Shoe Fund

- ⇒ Received referrals for thirty eight shoe vouchers for the purchase a new pair of shoes during the school year
- ⇒ Requested donations to support fund from local groups

## Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative

- ⇒ City Council continued to support teen pregnancy prevention initiatives
- ⇒ Held teen groups and made literature available for teens at "Pete's Place"
- ⇒ Held a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Poster Contest

## Comprehensive Services Act Program

- ⇒ Served 18 youth & their families with a variety of services to include community-based services, Therapeutic Foster Care, Respite, Day School Programs, and residential treatment
- ⇒ Education cases accounted for 44% of cases served; DSS accounted for 56% of cases served
- ⇒ CSA expenditures for 2011-12 were \$562,103 as of June 30, 2012

## Interagency Prevention Team

- ⇒ Multi-disciplinary team served 22 students and their families
- ⇒ Referred by teachers, guidance counselors, attendance officer, team members, or parents
- ⇒ Made recommendations for at-risk youth to enhance chances for success at home and in community





*“Youth programs encourage accountability, improves self-esteem, fosters citizenship, and responsibility, and instills a sense of community pride.”*

## Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act

- ⇒ Programs funded by the state and local government to divert youth away from the courts, and to provide sanctions and education to prevent repeat offending.

## Shoplifting Diversion Program

- ⇒ An educational program to inform youth and a parent of the consequences of shoplifting
- ⇒ Program served 322 youth and their families

## Service Learning Program

- ⇒ Served 64 youth to complete community service hours
- ⇒ Completed 1516 hours of community service

## Anger Management Program

- ⇒ Offered 18 juveniles structured discussion group activities
- ⇒ Program covered resistance and coping skills, communication, assertiveness skills, and focused on personal responsibility and challenges

## Parenting Classes

### **“Parenting With Love & Limits”**

- ⇒ Served 7 teens and families in six week program to help restore nurturance in their relationship

### **“Parenting Wisely”**

- ⇒ Served 2 parents with self-driven computer program to assist parents in improving and developing parenting skills

## Substance Abuse Program

- ⇒ Provided 100 teens and parents information on consequences, pro-social skills, assertiveness and refusal skills, and decision making skills

## Community Programming

- ⇒ Presented Shoplifting Diversion Program to 177 students in 6th grade at Colonial Heights Middle School
- ⇒ Offered Service Learning Program to 12 teens who completed 65 hours
- ⇒ Presented Anger Management Program to 161 youth
- ⇒ Presented Substance Abuse Program to 40 teens and parents
- ⇒ Presented Life Skills Program to 227 students in 6th grade at Colonial Heights Middle School
- ⇒ Shared Healthy Relationships Program “Open Arms? Open Eyes!” with 241 students in 8th grade at Colonial Heights Middle School

## Kid’s After-School Program

- ⇒ Referral program for youth in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- ⇒ Based on need for academic support, enhancement of social skills, promotion of positive behavior, increase in physical activity
- ⇒ Served 64 youth from Tussing, North, and Lakeview Elementary Schools
- ⇒ Provided mentoring and tutoring by volunteers from John Tyler Community College, Virginia State University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Colonial Heights High School, Matoaca High School
- ⇒ Participated in community projects for Operation Christmas Child, Coupons for Soldiers, Colonial Heights Food Pantry
- ⇒ Enjoyed activities such as bowling, swimming, skating, baking cookies, sewing, kickball
- ⇒ Additional programs included Sportable Diversity, T.A.L.K., Hygiene and Me, Fort Lee Mechanics Program, American Family Fitness, Exercise with Eileen, Learn to Sew, Pocahontas State Park Geocache

## Youth Service Corps Program

- ⇒ Partnered with Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Community Adolescent Reporting Program on Youth Service Corps Program
- ⇒ 11 teens and 3 supervisors completed the three week program at Pocahontas State Park, and all earned a stipend at the end of the program

## Colonial Heights CADRE Coalition

- ⇒ Supported Colonial Heights High School CADRE
- ⇒ Held monthly meetings of adult coalition
- ⇒ Encouraged YADAPP (Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project) Team to complete STAN Plan (“If You Really Knew Me”) which was created at the summer conference







**Lemon-Aid Stand**  
Fundraiser for pediatric cancer research



**Pinwheel Gardens**  
for  
Child Abuse Prevention Month



**Fleece Blankets**  
for  
CARES Shelter



**Tri-Cities Work Camp**  
YAC provided lunches



**Project Sticker Shock**  
with  
CHHS CADRE



**Community Health Fair**  
Drum Circle



**City Wide Clean Up**



**Pocahontas State Park**  
Youth Service Corps  
Find a big bug!



**Youth Forum**  
Travis Ridley  
Guest Speaker



**Kid's After-School Program**



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